MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not arise from the question to which answer has been furnished.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Do the Government mean to say that they want notice for the answer?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether for promotion being given to the Sub-Assistant Surgeons any examination is necessary?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether that practice is not abolished in British India?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information on the point.

Post Mortem Examinations.

142. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there have been several occasions in which serious differences of opinion and disputes between the Medical Officers and the Police authorities have arisen regarding *post mortem* examinations and certificates by the former and that, thereby, a sense of insecurity is increasing among the people?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to make the following arrangements for remedying this state of affairs:—

(i) the *mahazar* by the Police regarding the condition of the dead body, and the marks, etc., on it should be checked to the extent possible, and signed also by the Medical Officer making the *post mortem* examination, the latter entering therein any important differences that he finds from the *mahazar*, and, wherever possible, such entries should be subscribed by two witnesses, with any notes that they may have to add;

(ii) the facts regarding the condition of the different organs, etc., to be mentioned in the *post mortem* certificate should be ascertained and written out by the Medical Officer in the presence of the Police Officer in charge of the dead body, and wherever possible, of two witnesses, and should be subscribed by the Police Officer, and the witnesses if any;

(iii) the Police Officer concerned should at once do the needful for having the dead body examined by another Medical Officer also, if he has reason to believe that the facts set down by the Medical Officer are incorrect or misleading?

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Instances of differences of opinion between Medical and Police Officers are extremely rare and Government are not aware that there is any increasing sense of insecurity among the people, as alleged by the Member.

(*b*) Government do not consider the suggested rules practicable.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to inquire of the Police Commissioner and the Darbar Physician whether there were such cases in Kayankulam ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will inquire.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to part (*a*), considering the fact that matters of life and death are involved, and cases of murder are rare compared to other incidents in the life of the country, do not Government consider that even rare cases require to be provided against in the interests of the safety of the public?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes,

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give their reasons for considering the rules suggested to be not practicable?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. One of the reasons is that, when a medical officer conducts an examination, it is not reasonable to require the presence of laymen and to have the attestation of lay witnesses, because these people would not understand the observations made by the medical officer, and it is absolutely no good making the lay witnesses attest entries which they do not understand.

Number of Students from the Depressed Classes studying in Government and Aided Colleges.

143. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many students from the depressed classes are now studying in the Government and Aided Colleges in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): One; a Pulaya student studying in His Highness the Maha Raja's Sanskrit College, Trivandrum.

Auditing of Accounts in the Offices of Heads of Departments.

144. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed any orders to the effect that the accounts in the offices of Heads of Departments need not ordinarily be audited?

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